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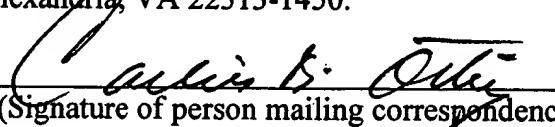
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Reference No. BB, German Publication No. DE 1002730, was published on February 21, 1957 in the name of K.H. Benatzky and is believed to disclose, a container holding single sheets stored on a rack that are dispersed using a push pole in the direction of the container opening. The push pole, stored in the lid, is engaged whenever a sheet must be dispersed.

Reference BC, German Publication No. 4205805, was published September 2, 1993 in the name of Sanner Friedr GmbH Co KG, and is believed to disclose, according to the European Patent Office, an internally sized housing which matches a stack of strips. Support is mounted at a parallel distance from one narrow side and is formed by two strip-like projections which each protrude from one of the opposite side walls to form an elongated slit in between.

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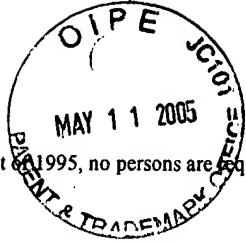
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